

Reference: **Downs Loop Proposal, currently at pre-planning.**

Dear Downs Committee,

I'm writing on behalf of Cycle Sunday to update you on progress of the Downs Loop project. Our last discussion with the Committee was at your 21st September 2020 meeting, when we presented the findings from the Public Engagement exercise we did last summer.

The Committee said it expressed its support to the scheme, though noting that a lot of detail would still need to be considered at the planning stage. And the committee voted unanimously to give permission to our applying for planning permission.

We are working with the local charity Greenways and Cyclerooutes to make the proposal design, and so acting as our agent. We are making some minor alterations to the proposal, in the light of what we learnt from the public engagement. These alterations include improved detailed design where the new path crosses existing footpaths, proposal to enable pedestrian's safe crossing of Ladies Mile where it meets the footpaths (by building out), and detail of the traffic calming measures on Ladies Mile. We have submitted draft proposal documents to pre-planning, and we await comments from this before submitting the full proposal.

We look forward to a positive outcome from the planning application, and moving the project on to the next stages, and will continue to keep in close contact with the Downs Committee throughout this.

As discussed at the Events and Finance sub-group meeting, we are planning a Cycle Sunday event on the 4th July.

Cycle Sunday